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Photo above shows Tiara Air Sales and Marketing Coordinator Ms. Malinda Hassel handing Shanayah Howell her certificate.
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Minister Visser unveils newly
established National Drug Council



John Merryweather, Minister Visser and Jan van der Straten

Island media was invited to the Government House on Wednesday, March 16, where Minister of Public Health, Sports and Drugs, Dr. Richard Visser, introduced the board members of an official National Drug Council, which will unite the efforts of several foundations and government agencies working to combat substance abuse.

In the past, seven official segments of the government, including officially funded halfway houses aside from several NGO foundations, have been working independently to resolve the issue of growing substance abuse on Aruba, a corrosive element to the community structure.

Elder statesman John Merryweather has been appointed Chairman of the Board of the new organization, which will oversee a collaborative program utilizing all these NGO agencies. Government employees who are professionals in the field with years of experience working with the public system will be integrated into the various foundations, which will receive salary subsidies from the government, along with other support.

The National Drug Council was ratified by law five months prior, however, the organizers of the program were still busy setting up the system properly before announcing

the final result publicly. Former police inspector Jan van der Straten was instrumental in this process; now that it is

completed, he acknowledged his job is done and he will be moving on to other projects.

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Libyan army announces new ceasefire

TRIPOLI, Libya (AFP) - A Libyan military spokesman announced yesterday a new ceasefire in the campaign against an uprising, as a second night of international air strikes on the country appeared imminent.

Spokesman Milad Fokehi said the ceasefire, effective from 1900 GMT, had been decided following an African Union call for an immediate cessation of hostilities.

Moamer Kadhafi's regime had declared a ceasefire on Friday after UN Security Council resolution 1973 authorised any necessary measures, including a no-fly zone, to stop his forces harming civilians in the fight against the rebels.

But his troops continued an assault on the rebel stronghold of Benghazi, prompting US, British and French forces to intervene with air strikes in



line with the resolution.

Following a meeting in the Mauritanian capital, the African Union's panel on Libya called for an "immediate stop" to all attacks and asked Libyan authorities to ensure "humanitarian aid to those in need," as well as the "protection of foreigners, including African expatriates living in Libya."

It underscored the need for "necessary political reforms to eliminate the causes of the present crisis," but at the same time called for "re-

straint" from the international community to avoid "serious humanitarian consequences."

The panel also announced a meeting in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa on March 25, along with representatives from the Arab League, the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, the European Union and the United Nations to "put in place a mechanism for consultation and concerted action" to resolve the Libyan crisis.

Czech icon Havel released from hospital

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AFP) - Former Czech president Vaclav Havel has been released from hospital for home care yesterday after being treated for acute bronchitis, the Czech Press Agency reported.

Havel, 74, plans to attend the premiere of "The Leaving", his film debut made after his own theatre play, on Tuesday, the agency said.

The hero of the 1989 Velvet Revolution which peacefully toppled communist rule in then-Czechoslovakia, Havel has long battled poor health, partly caused by the five years he spent in communist jails for dissident activity.

Part of his right lung was



removed in December 1996 to remove a cancerous growth and he underwent surgery again in 2009 for a lung inflammation.

In his latest bout of ill health, he has been in hospital since March 8.

After year of woe, Haiti chooses a new president

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Haiti went to the polls yesterday to choose if a popular singer or a former first lady will be the new president of a shattered country struggling to rebuild from a devastating 2010 earthquake.

The run-off, delayed for months by bickering over a contested and violence-plagued first round in November, threatened to be overshadowed by the return from exile of charismatic ex-president Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

But Aristide has largely honored a commitment not to upset the delicate political situation and voting began peacefully in the Caribbean nation, whose recent past has been

scarred by dictatorship and violent upheaval.

Six hours after voting stations opened at 6:00 am, UN monitors said turnout looked likely to exceed pitiful numbers in the first round when only 23 percent of 4.7 million eligible Haitians cast ballots.

Polls closed at 4:00 pm (2100 GMT) with preliminary results to be announced on March 31 and final ones on April 16.

The international community is watching closely as it has committed billions of dollars to help reconstruct Haiti, where hundreds of thousands of quake survivors are forced to eke out an existence in squalid tent cities.

Germany mourns Knut, polar bear sensation

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) - Germany was in stunned mourning yesterday after the sudden and premature death of Knut, Berlin's world-famous polar bear, at the end of what animal welfare groups said was an unhappy, short life.

Knut, pulled dead from a pool in his enclosure he shared with three females on Saturday

afternoon, was just four years and three months old, well below the average life expectancy for polar bears of around 35.

The cause of Knut's untimely death was not immediately known, said Heiner Kloes, in charge of bears at Berlin Zoo. Vets were due to conduct an autopsy today

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After the remarkable report by BMX International on the performance results of Shanayah Howell for the year 2010, interested parties on the island decided she needs more support to help her maintain her performance level. Though extremely agile and powered by the talent and determination to advance in the sport of BMX Racing, she is hampered by the enormous expense of frequent travel abroad to compete on an international level.

Aruba is a small country and does not offer the training opportunities found around the world, where almost every weekend there is a cycling race, possibly national, regional or international, allowing young competitors to hone their skills and strategy. Aruba has limited facilities and rarely stages the level of racing Shanayah requires to improve and advance.

Shanayah's coach and manager, her father, Alan, conferred with various interests, who agreed it would be very beneficial for her to train and compete in Curaçao on a regular basis; when Tiara Air of Aruba, which flies daily to Curaçao, heard of this plan, their



management immediately offered assistance.

Tiara Air has given Ms. Howell the 'Green Light' to board any Tiara Air aircraft, anytime, as their guest, when traveling to Curaçao. This gives her the opportunity to go to our sister island to train regularly in the afternoon hours and be back on Aruba the very same day.

In Curaçao, she can practice on a different track concept which will help her techniques; and to gauge her strength and progress against the young boys there who regularly train and compete. Shanayah and all her family expressed their sincere gratitude for this wonderful gesture of support from Tiara Air management in helping her to maintain her international champion status.

Reorganization reenacted at Department of Civil Aviation

ORANJESTAD -- Otmar Oduber, Minister under whose watch the Department of Civil Aviation falls, indicated in a recent press conference, that the reorganization process at this department has been re-enacted. On March 11th the minister sent a letter to the Director of the Department of Civil Aviation notifying him that at the conclusion of the conducted investigation and after receiving a "second opinion" with respect to the ongoing reorganization, he has decided to continue with the process of the reorganization.

In his letter the minister also requested the department of human resources finalize the process as soon as possible.

These decisions came as a result of the open discussions conducted with the management of the department as well as with the air traffic controllers (ATCA). Minister Oduber was pleased with the very open manner in which the ATCA association discussed with him, and for their participation last August to the St. Maarten conference. It was because of these conver-

sations, which were very informative; the minister took the decision to continue with the process.

This led to the need of an investment of necessary funds for this department for different machines, and computers necessary to comply with ICAO conditions. The minister has brought to the attention of the council of Ministers the need for this investment and to include in the budget the automatization of flight permits between countries which permits currently are being processed manually. This will be an investment of more than 3 million Aruban florins.

There have also been discussions of the separation of the execution of tasks of the department, such as the tasks of the air traffic controllers from policy management, which is something that all other countries have already done.

In the light of this, Minister Oduber has informed the director that the possibility exists for having the air traffic controllers resort under the Aruba airport authority. This has already been dis-



**Minister of Transport and Labor Affairs and Tourism
Otmar Oduber**

cussed with the general manager of the airport.

In other discussions with ATCA they have discussed the possibility for creating a separate foundation, or under one entity together with the other islands in the Caribbean, create a single "flight zone," which is what ICAO has in mind.

Department of Shipping Introducing new Maritime Laws

ORANJESTAD -- During a recent press conference the management team of the Department of Maritime Shipping indicated that about 10 months ago they continued the second phase of the project of twining which they began almost three years ago with Holland. This project includes 7 laws. The intention is to improve on these laws and at the same time to introduce new laws with respect to the control of our territorial waters.

These laws which relate to the regulation of all ship and boat activities were presented to the Council of Ministers. It is very common to observe ships docked in the distance in the area of our hotels, or we can observe them from a distance transferring crude or other merchandise from one ship to another in what is termed a lightering process.

These activities are taking place without any type of control, without any safeguards for our environment. Besides, Aruba is one of the few countries, perhaps the

only country where this type of activity is taking place without receiving any type of benefit from this so called lightering process.

Several weeks ago Minister of Transport, Otmar Oduber received a report prepared in cooperation with an external expert which has to do with the lightering and anchoring in Aruban waters. Last Tuesday the Council of Ministers approved the proposals of law which will regulate this part of our environment and the control of the process of lightering, anchoring and bunkering, as well as hull cleaning.

This means that henceforth Aruba will enforce by law a strict control, which will include a system of direct reporting which must be approved by the Department of Shipping.

Minister Oduber informed that after so many years of permitting these types of activities in Aruba's waters, that Aruba will now begin charging fees for these activities and that in this year's budget

an additional 6 million Aruban florins is to be received in the government's coffers from this. The law proposal has been sent to the Council of Advice to then continue its process to Parliament.

The minister had words of praise for the Management Team, their staff and the Department of Shipping which today is a very active department working towards the modernization of different laws, and the strict control and registration of boats.

Carlyle de Coteau, one of the members of the Management Team, mentioned that Aruba is still working with laws produced since the early 30's, hence the reason for the modernization of these laws so as to be in sync with the real situation today.

The Department of Shipping received assistance from "Inspectie Verkeer en Waterstaat" of the Netherlands, the Department of Shipping of Curaçao, local professionals and from the Department of Judicial Affairs.



Cas Animal Cont'd

How humane and animal conscientious is your resort?

THE MORNING NEWS has received the occasion letter and e-mail by island visitors who are distressed by the stray dogs and cats they see around Aruba. This prompted us to begin our weekly series about Kiki Arndt and her foundation, Cas Animal, one of a number dedicated to helping solve the situation. Kiki became an animal advocate from the day she came to live on Aruba, over 14 years ago, adopting stray animals and campaigning to build a proper shelter with a strict no-kill policy. She has received a land grant for the facility from the government,

and is about half way to her goal for the funds needed to build.

Important partners for Kiki in her efforts to rescue and control the animal population and find homes to adopt some of the dogs and cats are Aruba's resorts, which are a magnet for strays. Island visitors often feed and adopt them during their visits, and so they have discovered they can survive easily around the resorts. Some resorts will call Kiki to catch the animals and take them away, her policy is to have them neutered and then return them to the resort where



Ewald Biemans

they often prove quite entertaining to the guests; there is always the hope they will be adopted. Kiki already provides a home for 72 dogs and 11 puppies in her house, and a friend cares for 40 cats at another location; they are pretty well at their limit.

Kiki considers the Bucuti Beach Resort and Tara Suites a model for all resorts in their concern and action regarding humane solutions for the dogs and cats that come to their premises. Owner Ewald Biemans, over the years had taken in many of them and now has 9 strays at his home under his personal care.

In November of last year, one of the Bucuti security guards, Mukesh, developed a sincere affection for a stray dog that took up residence at the resort. Ewald consulted with his General Manager, Deborah Dintelman, who also has taken in 2 dogs and 3 cats to her home, about formalizing their policy, in keeping with their general award-winning status as an environmentally-conscious resort.

Bucuti pays for the neutering of any stray animals which venture on to their premises, as well as posting their pictures on all their bulletin boards and encouraging

employees to adopt them into good homes. Prospective owners are vetted to make sure the animal will be in a humane environment. The management also will assist their guests wishing to adopt and take a dog or cat back home, assisting them in fulfilling the proper requirements for their countries and connecting them with Contreras Veterinary Clinic. If the animal has needed

special care to be brought to acceptable levels of fitness, they also finance this for their employees.

"As far as I can recall, we have always done this, for at least the 11 years I have been at the Bucuti," states Deborah. "It was always a passionate issue for Ewald, but now it is a



Nikarad and her adopted dog Scooby

formalized policy." Nikarad is another employee who has participated in the program, giving a home to a dog and 5 cats. "Presently, because of this humane policy, the Bucuti grounds are stray dog and cat free – without having to put down any animals."

Kiki's costs for care and feeding of the dogs and cats in her care are astronomical, and any and all donations towards expenses or building a proper shelter are appreciated. For information call 565-2130 or 742-8732. Kiki also maintains a free Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet's office when their owners are unable to do so as well as rescuing dogs off the streets. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the name of Cas Animal; to follow the foundation's progress, visit their Facebook page.

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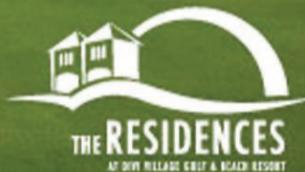


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Board members and advisors with Minister Visser

Board members of the newly formed Drug Council are Zuhaila Croes, Secretary, and representatives of the most prominent substance abuse assistance programs: Pastor Sophia of Aliansa Nobo, Robert Guda, Adopt an Addict; Carlos Albertus, FADA; Patrick Brown and Francisco Celare, FMAA; Gino Frans,

Elezier; Rosa Lia Gumbs, FUNOM; Elio and Irena Gutierrez, Dos Pentecostal Church and Stephen Daal. Other foundations whose work will fall under the authority of the program are Victory Recovery Homes, Teen Challenge, Casa Crea and Dak Ariba Cabez.

In closing, John Merry-

weather gave a heartfelt plea to all the community in assisting the council and foundations in the recovery of addicts to productive lives with families and within the social structure.

"I must stress to all the necessity of recognizing and treating addiction as a disease, in particular the mind-

set often supported by the media. Those of our community who are homeless because addiction has taken over and ruined their lives, are often depicted in the most demeaning manner, and often not thought worth our effort or consideration, as many believe they have brought it on themselves. This is quite

counter-productive and we would never think or speak of cancer victims this way, and these people are victims in their own right. I ask that all re-examine their attitude and become a part of the solution."

by Rosalie Klein

Sci-Tech

Apple could face iPad 2 component shortages



NEW YORK (AFP) - Apple could face shortages of components for the iPad 2 because of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, according to a research firm.

"The aftermath of the Japanese earthquake may cause logistical disruptions and supply shortages in Apple Inc.'s iPad 2, which employs several components manufactured in the disaster-stricken country," IHS iSuppli said.

IHS iSuppli, which conducted a "teardown" analysis of the iPad 2, said the components included the battery from Apple Japan, an electronic compass from AKM Semiconductor, NAND flash memory from Toshiba, DRAM dynamic random access memory from Elpida Memory and touchscreen glass "likely" from Asahi Glass.

It said some of the suppliers were undamaged but they were likely to face logistical difficulties as well as problems getting raw materials.

"The various challenges are being compounded by inter-

ruptions in the electricity supply, which can have a major impact on delicate processes, such as semiconductor lithography," IHS iSuppli said.

"These issues may come at a time when Apple is rushing to ramp up iPad 2 production to meet stronger-than expected demand for the device," it added.

IHS iSuppli said some of the components could be sourced elsewhere. It said NAND flash memory, for example, is available from South Korea's Samsung and Micron Technology of the United States.

"Similarly, the Elpida DRAM component can be alternatively sourced from Samsung," it said.

The iPad 2 went on sale in the United States a week ago and is scheduled to hit stores in around two dozen other countries on March 25.

Apple announced this week it was delaying the release of the iPad 2 in Japan because of the disaster.

Atom smasher could be used as time machine

In a 'long shot' theory, physicists propose that the world's largest atom smasher could be used as a time machine to send a special kind of matter backward in time.

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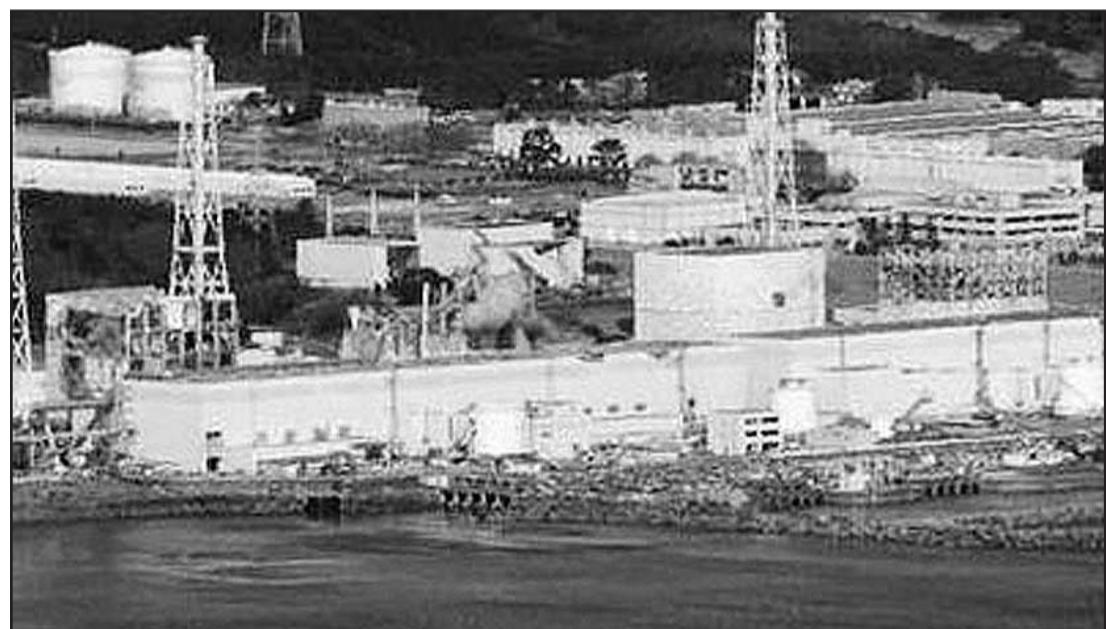
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French experts: 'Long road ahead' for Fukushima crisis



An aerial view shows Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Fukushima March 17, 2011. Reactors 1 to 4 are seen from R to L in this picture taken more than 30km (18 miles) offshore from the site shortly before the start of the water-dropping operation.

PARIS, France (AFP) - French experts yesterday said the immediate crisis at Fukushima was far from over as they spoke of the task of restoring cooling capacity to the crippled nuclear plant.

"There is a long road ahead," Olivier Gupta, deputy director-general of the Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN), told a press conference in Paris.

"The situation remains serious and precarious. This has not changed significantly for several days."

Gupta cautioned that, even if power cables had been reconnected to the plant, "it still isn't possible to use them because of the risk of a short circuit."

"Checks have to be made, junction box by junction box, and equipment by equipment."

Overheating reactors at the plant have caused a buildup of hydrogen through a chemical reaction with the water surrounding the reactor core. This gas is highly flammable and since March 12 has already caused several blasts and a fire.

Beyond the problem of short circuits, engineers also have to see if coolant pumps have survived the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, and pipes bringing water to the reactor units are unobstructed.

"Pulling cables to the plant does not mean the problem is resolved," said Gupta.

"It's a first necessary step for getting control of the situation, but it's still only a first step and many others will be needed before things are stabilised."

In a press release, the ASN said "this serious accident has already led to major releases of radioactivity, which are continuing."

"Regardless of how the situation develops, Japan will have to manage, over the long term, the deposits of radioactivity resulting from these releases."

Gupta said his special concern was for a tank at the No. 3 reactor unit that houses spent fuel rods.

These rods have to be constantly immersed in cooling

water to prevent their external sheathing of zirconium from melting, which would releasing high doses of radiation to plant workers in the near vicinity.

Gupta also referred to a so-called suppression pool located at the base of the No. 3 reactor.

This ring-shaped water tank has until now damped levels of radioactivity in gas that engineers have deliberately vented from the containment vessel in order to ease pressure inside the reactor.

"If the suppression tank no longer works because of damage, that would lead to higher releases of radioactivity," Gupta said.

Information about technical conditions at Fukushima is clouded by "many uncertainties," he added, pointing to the risk that sensors had been destroyed or damaged.

"It is extremely difficult to get a precise view of the situation on certain points, not just for us but also for the plant operator and the Japanese authorities themselves."



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Trauma stalks children of Japan tsunami



KESENNUMA, Japan (AFP) — The horror of Japan's tsunami has raised concerns over the long-term impact on children, some of whom are already displaying signs of trauma, from screaming nightmares to silent withdrawal.

According to the charity Save the Children, around 100,000 children were displaced by what has become Japan's worst natural disaster since 1923, with nearly 20,000 people dead or missing.

The potential for lasting trauma is compounded by the unusual multiple nature of the event: a massive 9.0 earthquake, a devastating tsunami and a nationwide scare over a possible meltdown at a nuclear plant.

Experts say the scale of the loss and disruption for some

children would have been almost inconceivable: homes destroyed, friends disappeared, one or both parents maybe killed, or siblings and other close family members missing.

Initial efforts to help them come to terms with the tragedy can only be made in extremely stressful circumstances, with families packed into ill-equipped evacuation shelters, suffering bitterly cold nights and frequent terrifying aftershocks.

"We found children in desperate conditions, huddling around kerosene lamps and wrapped in blankets," said Save the Children spokesman Ian Woolverton, who visited a number of evacuation centres in the coastal regions of northeast Japan that bore the brunt of the March 11 tsunami.

Parents, many traumatised themselves, have struggled to keep their own fears in check as they try to soothe their children and provide them with some sense of normality and security.

Grandparents have tried their own form of therapy, telling children stories of the difficulties they faced in their own childhood during and after World War II, and how they managed to overcome them.



PARIS, France -- Street vendors are at work with tourists on the Parvis des droits de l'homme (Human rights Esplanade at the Trocadero) in Paris on the week-end, as demonstrators hung up bras during a "Spring cleaning" event called by 'Pink Bra Bazaar' association which campaigns to raise breast cancer awareness. At background, the Eiffel tower.

AFP PHOTO

Taiwan finds radiation on fava beans from Japan



A supermarket worker places sushi in a shop in Hsintien, New Taipei City.

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AFP) — Authorities in Taiwan checking food imports for radiation on Sunday found a shipment of fava beans from southern Japan had been very slightly contaminated, an official said.

The radiation, which was

within Taiwan's legal safety limits, was found on 14 kilograms (30.8 pounds) of fava beans from Kagoshima, said Tsai Shu-chen, an official with the Food and Drug Administration.

It is the first report of con-

Radioactive contamination of food risks: experts

PARIS, France (AFP) — The risk from radioactive contamination of food depends on several factors but the duration of the problem depends especially on which type of radioactive element is to blame, say experts.

Japan on week-end said that it had discovered abnormal levels of radiation in milk and spinach from areas near Fukushima, and in tap water in Tokyo and five central prefectures, but there was no threat to health.

In historical cases of contamination, the main source has been wind-borne dust which is deposited on fruit or vegetables or which falls on the soil, where it is absorbed by grass and leafy plants.

Radioactive particles are then transmitted through the food chain, which explains why cattle can have higher-than-normal levels of radioactivity in their milk and meat.

Ingested, these particles are hazardous because they release energy that can slice through molecular bonds in DNA, thus increasing the risk of cancer.

The problem can be short-term or long-term, depending

on the nature of the radioactive source and the amount of contamination in the local environment, which in turn is also influenced by the weather.

Iodine 131, for instance, has a "half life" — a measure of decay — of only eight days, which means it is likely to break down in the environment in a few weeks.

"There is a short-term risk to human health if radioactive iodine in food is absorbed into the human body," the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said.

"If ingested, it can accumulate in and cause damage to the thyroid. Children and young people are particularly at risk."

Taking "stable" forms of iodine, such as potassium iodide tablets, can block radioactive iodine in the thyroid, the IAEA said.

The longer-term problem comes from enduring elements such as caesium 137, whose "half life" is measured in 30 years and may even take several centuries before it breaks down totally.

Radioactivity also exists in the natural environment, for instance as a background source that comes from certain kinds of rocks. In addition, many countries permit safe irradiation of food products to kill or prevent bacteria in order to prolong shelf life.

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The 1st Aruba Lionfish Derby was educational and tasty!



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Since 1992, lionfish had been sighted off the coast of Florida, a fish that is native to the Indo-Pacific and Red Sea, soon becoming a problem for local reef systems in the area and the Bahamas. These beautiful fish are voracious predators that will devastate the native fish population by 80% within a year and they propagate at an alarming rate. Their fins have highly venomous spines, and in the Atlantic and Caribbean, have no known predator to control the lionfish population.

Lionfish made their way to Curaçao and Bonaire waters about 2 years ago and not long

after, divers were reporting them around Aruba. The Coastal Zone Management, headed by marine biologist Dr. Byron Boekhoudt, along with local dive operators began a campaign to catch and dispose of these invasive fish, before the problem got of hand. The latest effort, the 1st Aruba Lionfish Derby, which took place this past Saturday, March 19, offered rewards and trophies to fisherman, SCUBA divers and snorkelers who took to the seas to capture the lionfish and bring their hauls to the beach-front of Hadicurari Restaurant, where they were measured,



Byron Boekhoudt shows off the venomous dorsal fins

cleaned and consumed at no cost for anyone who wished to taste this delicacy from the sea.

68 participated in the event as groups or individuals. The fish could be caught in nets or using a small gaff, but spear-fishing in Aruba is illegal. The contestants began returning around noon with their catch, which after measuring and a demonstration of how to clean and filet the lionfish without injury from the spines, Chef Robby of Hadicurari Restaurant, sponsors of the event, prepared for anyone to try. The purpose was to not only reduce the population of the fish, but to acquaint the public with its fine qualities as a food fish. A



Victor Franken of the Xiomara won largest fish and biggest catch

taste test proved it to be quite moist and delicious, and it can easily be prepared once having removed the dorsal, anal and pectoral fins, which contain the venomous spines. Dr. Boekhoudt suggests first briefly dipping the fish in boiling water, which will neutralize the toxin, but to also wear a protective glove until the spines have been clipped off. The meat is in no way affected by the toxin.

Trophies and two cash prizes totaling 500 Aruban florins went to Victor Franken, captain of the Xiomara, and his team, for the largest fish caught by a group (27.5 cm) and the greatest quantity, 13 fish. Kelvin Geil and Patrick Lendering brought in the largest lionfish in the Individual category, (25cm) and the crew of the Isabella got a trophy for the smallest fish, (7cm.) Xiomara crew members found their record catch about 6 miles offshore, west of the California Lighthouse in approximately 150 ft depth. They report seeing scores of lionfish, but the depths could only allow them to safely dive a limited amount of time; Victor also expressed he would have been able to catch them more efficiently with a spear-gun. Lionfish can be found at all depths, and Joel of the Lifeguards brought in the a 25.5 cm lionfish he found in 69 ft close to shore near the natural bridge at the far eastern end of the island, off Seroe Colorado.

This demonstrates the vast range to which they have invaded Aruba's waters, with divers reporting sightings on a nearly daily basis.

The 1st Aruba Lionfish Derby was a cooperative effort of Aruba Marine Park Foundation, Hadicurari Fishermen's Foundation and the Aruba De-



Use kitchen shears to cut away the anal, dorsal and pectoral fins

partment of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fisheries, the latter represented by Cliff Rosa and Nathalie Maduro. Organizations working to combat this threat to Aruba's reef systems suggest restaurant patrons ask for lionfish on the menu, encouraging fishermen to hunt them and sell them.

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Joel of the Lifeguards with the second largest fish of 25 cm

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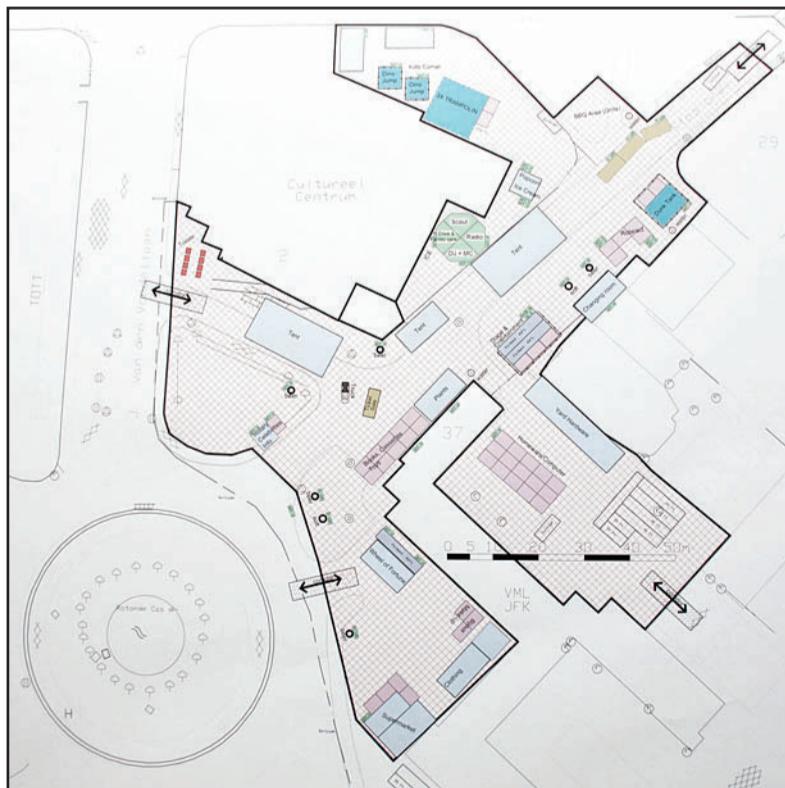
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Rotary Club announces their 30th anniversary Fiesta Rotaria April 3



Map of the Fiesta Rotaria booths

One of the most popular events on the Aruban annual calendar is the Fiesta Rotaria, a full day of fundraising fun for all the family. This street fair and flea market is the service club's principal fundraiser, from which it supports important

foundations such as the YMCA and Club Kibrahacha 60+ for the elderly.

Organizing committee members Stanley Looman and Bert Kamseeg explained that the location of the past 30 years, the empty field next to

the Plaza Las Americas on the eastern outskirts of Oranjestad, has been changed to the outside environs of the Cas di Cultura and the courtyard of the old JFK School because of construction work.

Rotary Club President Rob de Zwart expressed their gratitude to the Cas Di Cultura for their complete cooperation in staging this year's Fiesta Rotaria, which will be on Sunday, April 3 beginning at 10:00 AM. Despite the change of venue, the event will still offer all the features that have made it so popular in the past. A stage will host a parade of musical and dance entertainment from early morning until the climax at 5:00 PM of the drawing for this year's raffle prizes.

Being their 30th anniversary event, they have gathered a particularly attractive array of prizes, and tickets are on sale for 25 Aruban florins from all Rotary Club Members. Grand prize this year is a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado automatic



Fiesta organizing committee with Rotary president Rob De Zwart

pick-up; second prize is a cruise for two for October vacation 2011 from Maduro Travel. Third prize is a 42" Panasonic HD plasma screen from AMC Unicon, fourth is two round-trip tickets to Amsterdam from KLM and fifth is a computer plus printer from Boolchand's. The remaining five prizes are gift certificates of 1,500 Aruban florins and a cash card from CMB, and the last prize is a 1,000 Aruban

florin gift certificate from Ling & Sons Supermarket.

Rotary Club members invite all to come and enjoy a full day of entertainment, bargain shopping for furniture, clothing, plants, electronics, stationary and books, as well as try their luck at the games, wheel of fortune and celebrity dunk pool, while supporting their community.

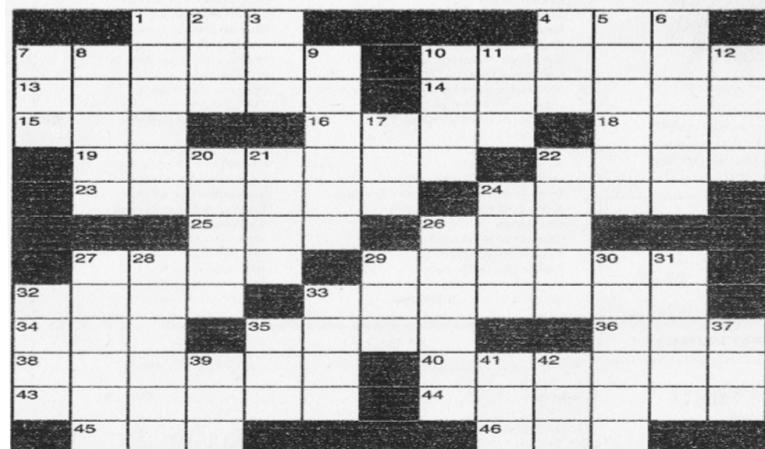
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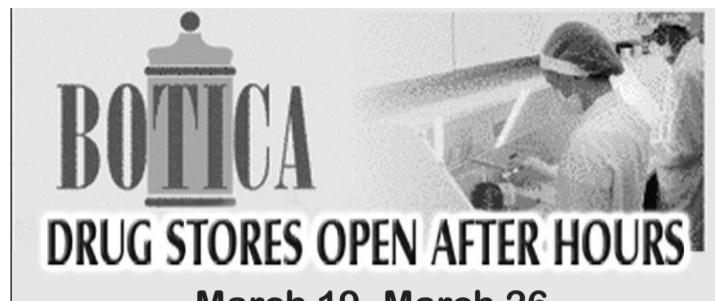
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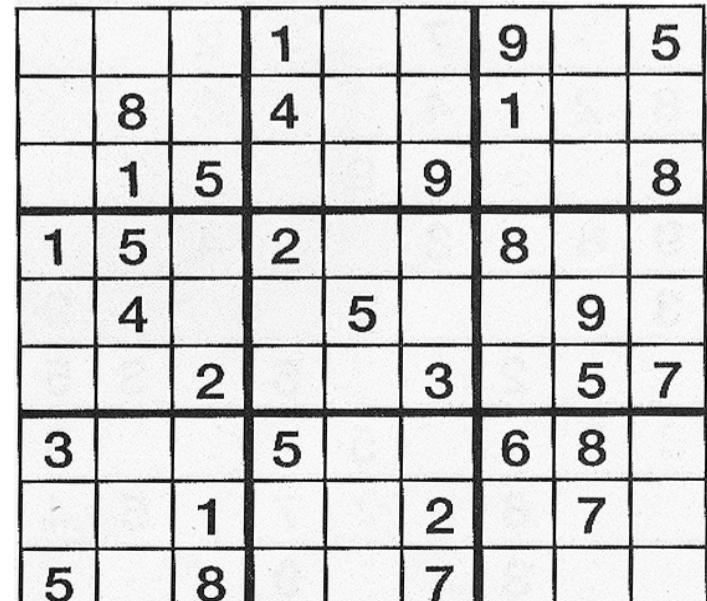
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New York Times to try charging online -- again

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Four years after pulling the plug on an attempt to charge readers on the Web, The New York Times is going to try again.

The US media landscape has changed somewhat since the Times, in September 2007, aborted TimesSelect, its two-year experiment with making readers pay for full access to NYTimes.com.

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Print advertising revenue and circulation have continued to slide but newspaper and magazine publishers have latched on to devices like Apple's popular iPad as a potential lifeline.

Apple and Google have also begun offering digital subscription services for news organizations, providing a platform for publishers willing to try to wean Web readers off their accustomed diet of free news.

Few newspapers, however, have followed the lead of Britain's Financial Times and Rupert Murdoch's Wall Street Journal and begun charging online and media analysts and publishers are divided over whether a paid strategy can work.

Rob Grimshaw, managing director of the Financial Times website, FT.com, is firmly in the camp of those who think a paid model can be successful



and holds up his newspaper as proof.

FT.com has 210,000 digital subscribers, more than half the newspaper's print circulation, and recorded 50 percent growth in subscription revenue last year and nearly 50 percent growth in the number of digital subscribers.

"We're very pleased to see another big quality publisher taking the plunge," Grimshaw told AFP of the Times' decision to begin charging for NYTimes.com from March 28.

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IBM China employees "created slush funds at local travel agencies in China that were then used to pay for overseas and other travel expenses incurred by Chinese government officials," it said.

"In addition, IBM China employees created slush funds at its business partners to provide a cash payment and improper gifts, such as cameras and laptop computers, to Chinese government officials," it added.

"Deficient internal controls allowed employees of IBM's subsidiaries and joint venture to use local business partners and travel agencies as conduits for bribes or other improper payments to South Korean and Chinese government officials over long periods of time," the complaint said.

It said improper payments were recorded as "legitimate business expenses."

In a statement acknowledging the settlement, IBM said it "insists on the highest ethical standards in the conduct of its business and requires all employees to follow its policies and procedures for conducting business."

IBM shares were up 0.95 percent at \$155.65 shortly before the closing bell on Wall Street.

La Vie Med-Spa opens at SoBe Centre



South Beach Centre -- La Vie Med Spa and Beauty Salon just opened offering a variety of innovative treatments including European Facials and Teen Facials, for oily acne prone skin, Hot & Cold Stone Facials, Micro Needle Therapy designed to penetrate the epidermis and help restore youth and elasticity, Dermafile, for polished perfection, Collagen, Elastin with Paraffin Treatments, Galvanic Facelift for toning, and Blended Peels which erase wrinkles and lighten the skin, with the help of organic fruit and vitamins.

La Vie Med Spa also offered a complete menu of body massages, wraps and exfoliation, utilizing Dead Sea Salts, Chamomile Mud, Seaweed Mud, Paraffin, Sugar, Geranium, Sage and Salt and naturally, Aruba's famous Aloe, to truly invigorate and detoxify body skin.

The just-opened spa offers interesting Exfoliation and Wrap combos as well as more advanced as-seen-on-

TV options such as Spider Vein Therapy, Pre and Post Plastic Surgery treatments, Cellulite Treatments, Tattoo Removals, Laser Hair Removal, Waxing, Permanent Make Up, Make Up for special occasion, the latest in Cosmetic Dental Whitening and a full service hair salon.

Naturally, no spa is complete without a detailed Hand & Foot Care menu, with a special Hand Rejuvenation Treatment offered to moisturize aging dry and rough hands.

La Vie Med Spa is available to receive birthday celebrations and bachelorette parties, with complimentary sauna use, herbal teas and more, for a minimum of 6 people.

The brand new spa is beautifully appointed and decorated to help patrons reach the state of ultimate beauty in a most relaxing, gracious environment. LaVieMedSpa@gmail.com, located upstairs behind J.H.Yee Asian Bistro, ample parking on site.

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters,

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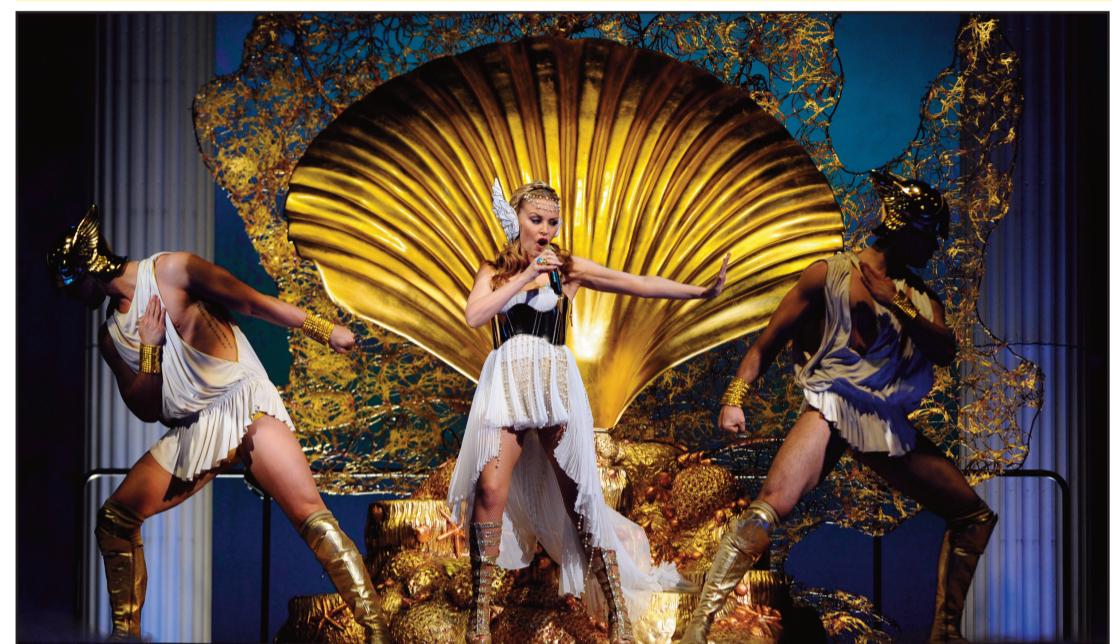
AHMEDABAD, India - Dancers from Western Indian state of Rajasthan perform as Indian revellers dance during the celebrations of "Holi" at the Rajpath Club in Ahmedabad on March 20, 2011. The "Holi" festival of colours marks the onset of spring across the country. (AFP PHOTO)



TURKEY, Istanbul : Turkish Kurds dance as they gather to celebrate Noruz, the Kurdish New Year, on March 20, 2011 in Istanbul. Noruz, which means "new day" and marks the first day of Spring, is also celebrated in Iran, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Albania, Bahrain, Armenia, Georgia, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, as well as among various other Iranian and Turkic peoples in Iraqi Kurdistan, Syria, Lebanon, Pakistan, India, northwestern China, the Caucasus, the Crimea, and the Balkans. (AFP PHOTO)



'Aphrodite - Les Folies Tour 2011'



MERKSEN, Belgium : Australian singer Kylie Minogue (C) performs on the stage of Antwerp Sport Paleis during her 'Aphrodite - Les Folies Tour 2011' in Merksem. The pop princess has been scoring rave reviews in Europe for the waterlogged extravaganza show. (AFP PHOTO)

Bolshoi ballet director quits in 'porn smear scandal'

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) - Russia's Bolshoi Theatre was reeling from a hugely embarrassing scandal after the director of its famous ballet troupe was forced to resign over images published on a pornographic website.

Bolshoi star dancer Gennady Yanin, who headed the ballet troupe since 2003, had been a leading candidate to take over as the theatre's artistic director, in a decision that had been expected to be announced earlier this week.

Last week anonymous opponents of Yanin sent links to an erotic site with photographs of a man resembling Yanin to hundreds of e-mail addresses, the Izvestia daily reported.

The images were placed on a website styled to look like that of the Bolshoi Theatre, which quickly disappeared from the Internet, Komsomolskaya Pravda tabloid reported.

A website named by bloggers as the one where the images were posted was not opening.

Yanin responded by resigning as ballet director without taking any legal action, a decision accepted by the theatre's general director,



Anatoly Iksanov, Izvestia reported.

It said the case repeated a method used against Prosecutor General Yury Skuratov, who was sacked in 2000 after a video showing a man resembling him having sex with two women was shown on television news.

The Bolshoi Theatre said in a brief statement that it had appointed a new ballet director, Yan Godovsky. The post of artistic director remains vacant.

Yanin joined the Bolshoi ballet in 1995 after dancing in two other Moscow troupes. He presents a weekly television arts show on the state-owned Kultura channel.

Ballet critic Vadim Gayevsky told the RIA Novosti news agency that Yanin was a "talented dancer but a person with a very bad reputation," without elaborating.

In an interview to Radio Liberty in 2005, Yanin said his position of authority over his colleagues on stage was the hardest thing about his job.

Last year a Russian ballerina at the Vienna Opera Ballet, Karina Sarkisova, was sacked for appearing in an topless photoshoot for a men's magazine, before being reinstated soon afterwards.



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Cricket:

India fired up for Aussie challenge, says Dhoni

CHENNAI, India (AFP) - India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni vowed his team will be at their best when they face defending champions Australia in the World Cup quarter-finals.

India sealed an 80-run win over West Indies in the concluding group match of the tournament in Chennai on Sunday, but only after a spectacular collapse by the brittle Caribbean side, who crashed from 154-2 to 188 all out.

While India will tackle Australia in Ahmedabad on Thursday, the West Indies take on in-form Pakistan in Dhaka on Wednesday in the opening quarter-final tie.

"We will be at our best for the quarter-finals," said Dhoni.

"Australia are a very strong side and very expressive on the field. But it's

about how we prepare for the game to achieve what we want.

"In the process, we hope to give our best."

Dhoni praised strike bowler Zaheer Khan, whose three wickets included the key dismissal of opener Devon Smith who had made 81 when he was clean-bowled, a wicket which precipitated the West Indies collapse.

"He changed the game. He got the breakthrough by getting rid of Smith. Once we got his wicket, we were able to put pressure on all the batsmen at both ends."

All-rounder Yuvraj Singh was man of the match for his 113 runs and 2-18 with the ball.

Yuvraj overcame illness to help his team to victory and doubled-up in pain during his innings.

"I had stomach cramps and I was struggling in the morning but I was just worried about the match and the team," said Yuvraj.

Zaheer praised his team's tactics which saw the new ball tossed to spinner Ravichandran Ashwin.

"We knew that with the new ball it would come on to the bat and that the seamers would get reverse swing later on in the innings, so that's why we used a spinner to open the bowling," said Zaheer, who took 3-26.

West Indies captain Darren Sammy admitted that his men will need a radical improvement against Pakistan.

"We are in the knockout stages and that was our first objective," said Sammy.

"But we need to bring our A-game against Pakistan. We will have to pick things up."



INDIA, KOLKATA : Zimbabwe cricketers celebrate after defeating Kenya in their Group A match in the World Cup Cricket tournament at the Eden Garden Stadium in Kolkata on March 20, 2011.

AFP PHOTO



INDIA, CHENNAI : India bowler Ravichandran Ashwin (R) celebrates the wicket of West Indies batsman Ravi Rampaul with Suresh Raina during the cricket world cup match between India and West Indies at the M. A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on March 20, 2011. India beat the West Indies by 80 runs to set up a quarter-final against defending champions Australia.

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Bangladesh skipper says 'sorry' to fans

DHAKA, AFP) - Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan apologised to fans on Saturday for the team's humiliating capitulation to South Africa that ended their World Cup dream.

South Africa set the home side a daunting total of 285 to win in the Group B clash in Dhaka but Bangladesh never looked like getting anywhere near their target, slumping to 78 all out to lose by a whopping 206 runs.

"We missed a big opportunity because we have been performing for the last 12 months and we thought we would have a very good opportunity to qualify for the second round," said Shakib.

"We didn't play good cricket at all throughout this tournament, although we won some games."

"The way we finished the tournament is not the way we wanted to finish it. We wanted to finish on a high," he added.

When asked if he had a message for the passionate fans, Shakib simply said "sorry".

South Africa skipper Graeme Smith, whose side finished top of Group B, was delighted his team had won despite rotating the squad.

"We gave a few guys an extra couple of days to rest but it was fantastic to see other guys that came in, the motivation they had and the way they performed. That's always exciting to see."

"We've just got to hope we make the right decisions that will benefit the squad," he added.

Pakistan end Australia's magical run, take top spot

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AFP) - Paceman Umar Gul claimed three victims as Pakistan beat Australia by four wickets on Saturday, ending the defending champions' unbeaten 34-match World Cup run and capturing top spot in Group A.

Gul took 3-30 to help Pakistan dismiss Australia for 176 -- their lowest World Cup total since 1992 -- before Umar Akmal hit an unbeaten 44 to steer Pakistan to

victory in 41 overs, finishing top of the pool with 10 points.

Saturday's loss was Australia's first in the World Cup since losing to Pakistan by 10 runs in Leeds in 1999.

Pakistan, who opened the attack with left-arm spinner Abdur Rehman from one end, forced an early breakthrough when Gul bowled opener Shane Watson with a sharp incoming delivery for nine.

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Djokovic beats Federer to take number two ranking



Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates a point during his match against Roger Federer of Switzerland, during their semi-final match at the BNP Paribas

INDIAN WELLS, California (AFP) — Serbia's Novak Djokovic continued his blistering pace this season by beating Roger Federer to reach the Indian Wells final and snatch the Swiss star's world number two ranking.

Djokovic reached Sunday's title match at the \$4.5 million ATP Masters 1000 event, where he will take on Rafael Nadal, by defeating Federer 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 Saturday to extend his match winning streak this season to 17.

"I am playing the best tennis of my life," said Djokovic, who won the Australian Open in January.

Djokovic, who won here in 2008, won 11 consecutive points in the third set to break open the match and post his third victory over 16-time major winner Federer in the past three months.

"My approach to matches against Roger is maybe different than it was in the past two years," Djokovic said of Federer, who still leads their overall series 13-9.

point when the Swiss fired a forehand service return long.

With the win, Djokovic moved into the second ranking spot, dropping Federer to third.

"It makes me feel very happy. It's the crown for my achievements this year," he said.

Djokovic, 23, hammered three aces in the two-hour, six-minute match in front of a near-capacity crowd of about 15,000 on the main stadium court.

The turning point in the match was when Djokovic blitzed Federer for 11 consecutive points in the middle of the third set to turn a 2-2 deadlock into a 5-2 lead.

Djokovic broke Federer's serve three times in the final set after Federer won the second set.

Federer, who also lost the doubles final with Swiss compatriot Stanislas Wawrinka against Alexandr Dolgopolov and Xavier Malisse, said he would get over the setback of losing to Djokovic again.



Bynum, Brooks hit with bans by league

NEW YORK (AFP) — Andrew Bynum of the two-time reigning NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers and Aaron Brooks of the Phoenix Suns were issued suspensions by the league on Sunday for actions in separate games.

Lakers center Bynum was banished for two games without pay for a flagrant foul against Minnesota's Michael Beasley with 6:16 remaining in the fourth quarter of a 106-98 home victory for the Lakers last Friday.

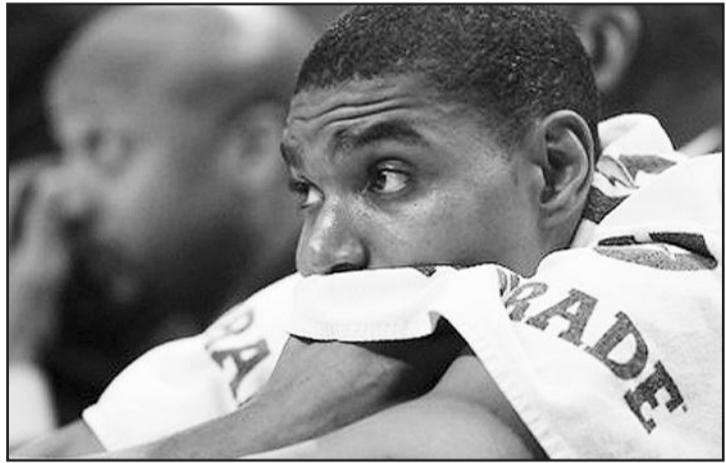
Brooks was banished for one game without pay for tossing a basketball at a referee and striking him in the leg with 7:46 to play in the fourth quarter of the Suns' 108-97 home victory over Golden State on Friday.

Bynum was benched for Lakers home games on Sunday against Portland and Tuesday against Phoenix. Brooks was forced out of Phoenix's game Sunday at the Los Angeles Clippers but can return for the Tuesday matchup against the Lakers.

Beasley was knocked onto the court and hobbled off the court with a bruised left hip in Minnesota's 15th loss in a row in games against the Lakers.

"It was just a hard foul, a playoff foul," Beasley said after the loss. "They are getting ready for the playoffs. It's the kind of foul and the kind of basketball they've got to play and you've got to get used to playing against that."

The Lakers are second in the Western Conference at 49-20 while Minnesota, 17-53, is out of playoff contention. The Suns stand 34-33, 11th in the West but only 2 1/2 games behind Memphis for eighth place and the last playoff spot.



Andrew Bynum, pictured in February 2011, of the two-time reigning NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers



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DOHA, Qatar : (L-R) Moto2 riders second-placed Andrea Iannone of Italy, winner Stefan Bradl of Germany and third-placed Swiss Thomas Luthi celebrate on the podium at the end of the final race at the Losail International Circuit in Doha on March 20, 2011 ahead of the Grand Prix of Qatar. (AFP PHOTO)



QATAR, Doha : Moto2 rider Stefan Bradl of Germany kisses his trophy after winning the final race at the Losail International Circuit in Doha, Qatar. (AFP PHOTO)

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Davies scores twice in MLS return after crash

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Charlie Davies, in his first competitive match since being severely injured in a car crash 17 months ago, scored twice to lift D.C. United past Columbus 3-1 in a Major League Soccer game.

The American international striker suffered multiple injuries as well as bleeding on the brain in a one-car wreck that was caused by a drunken driver and left one person dead.

Davies's injuries were so serious that he missed the 2010 World Cup finals.

Davies, on loan to United from the French club

Sochaux, on Saturday scored from the penalty spot in the 63rd minute and added a second goal in the 77th minute in the season opener for both clubs.

"It just goes to show with faith, with belief in yourself, that you can achieve the impossible," said Davies, who came on as a second-half substitute. "Today, I achieved the impossible and I've just got to keep doing it."

Josh Wolff opened the scoring in the 51st minute for United just before Davies entered the fray.

Columbus grabbed a consolation goal thanks to a

79th-minute Robbie Roberts penalty.

Davies called for the chance to take his side's penalty after United's Chris Pontius was brought down in the area by the Crew's Sebastian Miranda.

"He looked at me and said, 'I need this, I want this,'" United teammate Dax McCarty said.

"I knew when I gave him the ball he was going to bury it for us."

Davies blasted the ball past Crew goalkeeper William Hesmer, raised his arms and raced to the corner flag where he was mobbed by



teammates.

"I was happy for him," United coach Ben Olsen said. "I was happy for the team that

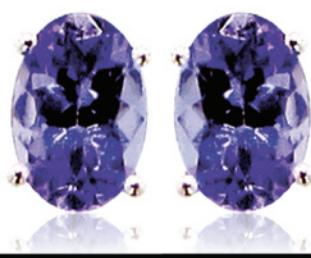
has supported him and I was happy for the fans because I know there (were) a lot of people feeling a lot of joy."

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